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FOR AMBASSADOR VAKY FROM AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PLOS, VE

SUBJECT: LOS - MESSAGE TO ANDRES AGUILAR

REF: CARACAS 7795

1. SINCE THE VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT WILL HOLD AN INTERNAL  
REVIEW OF LOS MATTERS THIS WEEK, IT OCCURRED TO ME THAT IT  
MIGHT BE TIMELY AND APPROPRIATE FOR ME TO SEND A PERSONAL  
MESSAGE TO ANDRES AGUILAR, AMPLIFYING A BIT ON MY PERSONAL  
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MESSAGE TO HIM OF JULY 20. YOUR CONVERSATION WITH AGUILAR  
ON AUGUST 5 AFFORDS A LOGICAL OPENING TO DO SO. IF YOU SEE  
NO OBJECTION, WOULD YOU PLEASE CONVEY TO AGUILAR THE MESSAGE  
IN PARAGRAPH 2 BELOW. ALSO IF YOU CONSIDER IT APPROPRIATE  
PLEASE MAKE A COPY OF THIS MESSAGE AVAILABLE TO FOREIGN MINI-  
STER CONSALVI WITH THE PERSONAL NOTE IN PARA 3.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

-- DEAR ANDRES:

-- AMBASSADOR VAKY HAS SENT ME AN ACCOUNT OF YOUR AUGUST 5 CONVERSATION ABOUT THE LAW OF THE SEA. I WELCOME HAVING YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT THE SIXTH SESSION AND THE FUTURE OF LOS. I HAD READ YOUR INTERVIEW WITH EL NACIONAL OF JULY 24 AND

THEREFORE DOUBLY APPRECIATED THIS CLARIFICATION OF YOUR VIEWS.

-- WHILE MY GOVERNMENT DEPLORES WHAT HAPPENED TO THE SEA-BEDS TEXT OF THE ICNT, I WOULD LIKE TO STRESS HOW VERY MUCH WE APPRECIATE THE FAIR AND BALANCED RESULT OF THE WORK OF COMMITTEE II OVER WHICH YOU PRESIDED SO ABLY. I ESPECIALLY APPRECIATED THE SKILL WITH WHICH YOU INTRODUCED THE RESULTS OF THE CASTENEDA GROUP TO COMMITTEE II. JUDICIOUS USE OF BOTH PRIVATE NEGOTIATION BY CONCERNED PARTIES AND THEN FULL AND FAIR DISCUSSION OF THE RESULTS IN THE OPEN, POINT THE WAY TO SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION OF THE CURRENT LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE.

-- I NOTE YOUR SUGGESTION TO AMBASSADOR VAKY THAT THERE MIGHT BE UTILITY IN HOLDING SOME SORT OF PRIVATE INTERSESSIONAL MEETING IN JANUARY. WE WILL BE GIVING THOUGHT TO CONFIDENTIAL

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THIS MATTER AS WELL AS OTHERS IN THE COMPREHENSIVE POLICY REVIEW OF THE CONFERENCE WHICH WE HAVE JUST STARTED. WHILE I CANNOT NOW FORECAST THE OUTCOME OF OUR REVIEW, WE WILL CONDUCT IT WITH FULLEST REGARD NOT ONLY FOR THE INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES BUT ALSO FOR THOSE OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY.

-- I WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU SOON AGAIN, FOR I VALUE HIGHLY OUR ASSOCIATION AND HAVE GREAT RESPECT FOR THE DISTINGUISHED PART YOU HAVE PLAYED OVER THE YEARS AS THE WORLD COMMUNITY HAS SOUGHT TO DEVELOP A STABLE LEGAL ORDER FOR THE OCEANS.

-- WITH WARMEST PERSONAL REGARDS, ELLIOT L. RICHARDSON.

END TEXT.

3. IN TRANSMITTING TO FOREIGN MINISTER CONSALVI A COURTESY COPY OF MY MESSAGE TO AGUILAR, PLEASE ADD THE FOLLOWING COVERING NOTE:

BEGIN TEXT:

-- DEAR MR. FOREIGN MINISTER:

-- I THOUGHT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE ENCLOSED COPY OF A MESSAGE I AM SENDING TODAY TO ANDRES AGUILAR.

-- MY GOVERNMENT ATTACHES GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE CONSTRUCTIVE AND CORDIAL RELATIONS WHICH EXIST BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES AND TO INTENSIFYING THE CLOSENESS OF THOSE RELATIONS. COOPERATION BETWEEN US ON LAW OF THE SEA ISSUES IS

BUT ONE EXAMPLE OF THIS IMPORTANT COLLABORATION.

-- WE HAVE BEEN GRATIFIED BY THE UNDERSTANDING WHICH YOU  
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AND YOUR DISTINGUISHED PRESIDENT HAVE SHOWN ABOUT THE CONCERNS OF THE UNITED STATES. I ASSURE YOU THAT MY GOVERNMENT HAS BEEN, AND REMAINS, SENSITIVE TO THE ASPIRATIONS AND NEEDS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

-- IT WAS A GREAT PLEASURE TO MEET YOU DURING THE RECENT VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES OF HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT PEREZ. MAY I EXPRESS TO YOU AND THROUGH YOU TO THE PRESIDENT OUR APPRECIATION FOR YOUR COOPERATION AND INTEREST.

-- PLEASE ACCEPT THE ASSURANCE OF MY HIGH ESTEEM.

-- SINCERELY, ELLIOT L. RICHARDSON.

END TEXT.

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